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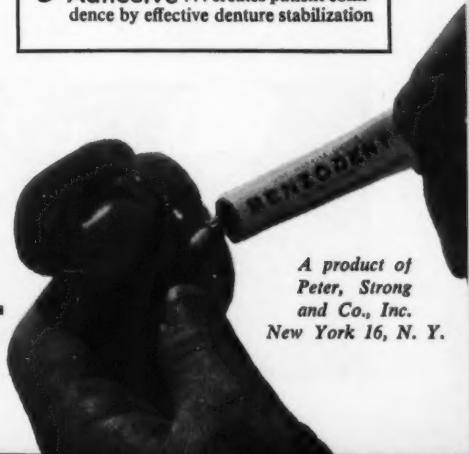
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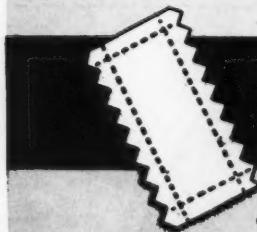
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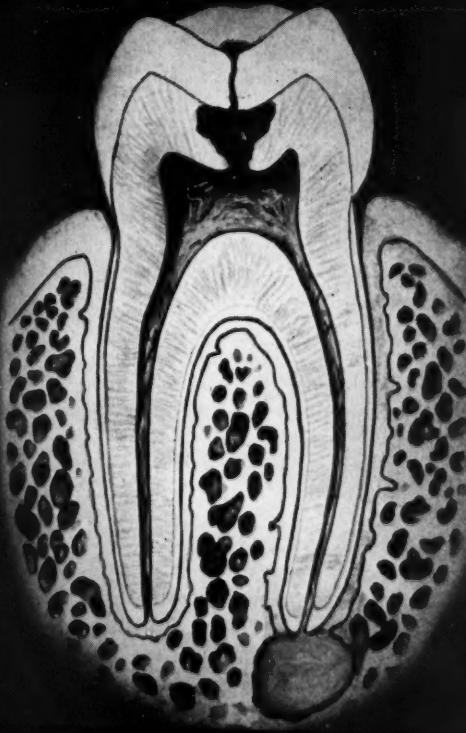


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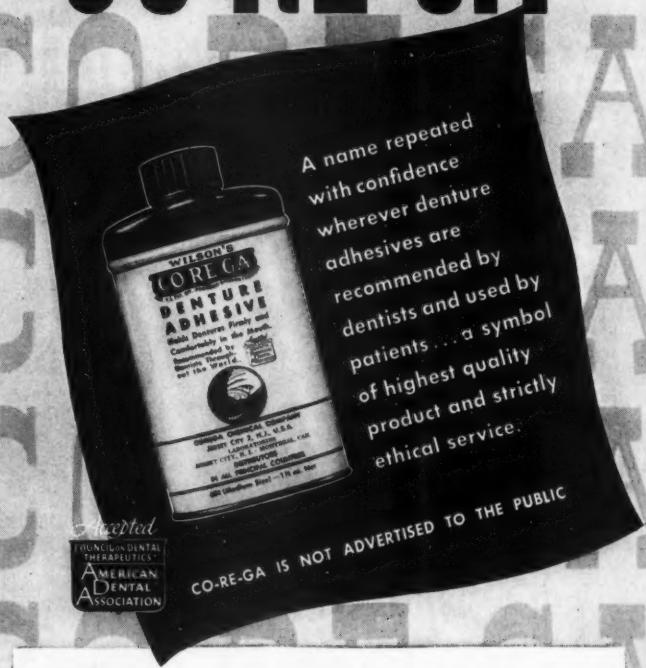


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# THE *President's* PAGE

Dear Members:

It is with mixed emotions that I address you on this page for the last time. An honest appraisal of the year's achievements is difficult to make, and it is with the utmost humility that I realize that advancement has come through the combined EFFORTS of all of you, and not your President.

We can point with pride to the accomplishments of the various committees, the spirited interest of the greater number of our members, the increased attendance at our Annual Meetings, the distinction we are gaining through the rapidly growing success of our educational courses, thereby enlarging our influence and enhancing our prestige; the development of better public relations through the excellent pamphlets and brochures that have been sent out and the pages of the Journal; the awarding of J. A. S. Scholarships, the fine membership drives; the sale of emblem pins; the knowledge gained via the instructions and manuals; the completion of the A.D.A.A. history, to date; the attempt to revise all our by-laws so that they will be more uniform; the promotion of more and better clinics; the careful watch on our expenditures; and the combined EFFORT of all our Officers and Trustees to serve well.

Yes, the year just passed has been an unforgettable experience. My heart is filled with many gifts of love and gratitude discovered through the kindness of friends. Their encouragement and understanding are very precious and are stored in a corner of my heart.

I leave the presidency with confidence that we will not stop here, but continue in our EFFORTS by working together to attain the same objectives.

I am looking forward to greeting you in San Francisco. My sincere and humble thanks.

Affectionately,

RUTH V. DORING,  
President



CALIFORNIA STREET CABLE CAR

San Francisco's colorful California Street cable car descending steep Nob Hill. In the background is the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

—Courtesy, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

## CONVENTION TRAILS

» » *Lead Westward*

Heed the final call to join the caravan headed toward the golden west and the City of San Francisco, where the ADAA will convene October 17-20 for its 31st annual convention.

San Francisco and all Northern California members have extended us an invitation, which is just as cordial as was our welcome there for our Silver Anniversary Meeting in 1949. The news has spread from coast to coast, and ADAA'ers from every part of the states are preparing to hit the dusty trail and be on hand for the big round-up to be held, in less than month from the time this reaches you, within the shadows of the Golden Gate.

At this press time letters are no doubt flying all over the states—to Canada and Hawaii, and contain such phrases as,

"See you in San Francisco", "Call us when you arrive," "Let's meet again in San Francisco", etc. It will be a happy reunion for those who have attended many or all of our conventions of the past and who, "wouldn't miss this one for anything", and an interesting and exciting experience for many who will be enjoying the great thrill of their first ADAA convention. Many will be making this a vacation, and will be looking forward as well to Post-Convention tours in the Great Northwest—to Hawaii—to Sunny Southern California, and perhaps a side jaunt to the fabulous city of Las Vegas. Whatever your plans, we hope your chief reason for making the trip is to be in San Francisco on October 16 when the ADAA convention gets underway.

THE DENTAL ASSISTANT

Is San Francisco ready? A report we have been waiting for arrived this morning telling us that everything is progressing nicely in the preparation this enthusiastic group is making to insure us a bang up convention. A few days ago we received the following article from a member of long standing, and a veteran in the business of entertaining visitors to San Francisco, Eva Purcell, who will be on hand as Chairman of the Information Booth to help make your visit there a pleasant one.

Eva says — **WELCOME BACK TO SAN FRANCISCO**—

"A Golden Welcome to San Francisco, a city which distinguished visitors from all over the globe have characterized as one of supreme and exotic beauty—the "fancinatress" of the Pacific.

"First of all San Francisco is a great town—even the natives admit that. Our visitors are practically unanimous in agreeing that it has something that you find nowhere else on earth. Pin them down for an analysis of its uniqueness—and they can't quite put their feelings into words.

"There is much for the eye to see, many places for the feet to go, and many things for the palate to taste in this sea-cooled and sun-gay city. Fisherman's Wharf where heaps of crab and shrimp, and other delicacies of the sea are cooked while you look on; historic Telegraph Hill with its Coit Tower and a superb view of our famous harbor and the bridges; the Cliff House and Seal Rocks at the ocean beach; Golden Gate Park with an infinity of attractions—a real kaleidoscope. "There are many beautiful and interesting places easy accessible to San Francisco, which we will be happy to tell you about when you get here, and there will be a variety of detailed literature available. Your Arrangements Chairman, her Co-Chairman and the Committee members hope that you will come and see for yourself; we will do our best to make your visit thoroughly enjoyable.

"East may be East, but West is San Francisco—and that's where the twain shall meet in October.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

And from the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Helen Easton, comes the following news of the program of entertainment planned for us.

"The Official Tea is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 1955, at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in the Cafe Room, between four and six o'clock. "A Tour is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 1955, starting at 10:30 A.M. at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel. We will start by seeing some of San Francisco, then to famous Fisherman's Wharf for luncheon at Bella's in their beautiful Capri Room, overlooking the Wharf and San Francisco Bay. After lunch we will continue the tour and cross the famous Golden Gate Bridge, then to the Muir Woods, which will enable us to see California's giant redwoods. On the way back we will see the Cliff House and beautiful Golden Gate Park, arriving back at the Sheraton-Palace at 3:30 P.M. Can you imagine all of this for only \$3.50 including your luncheon?"

The articles in this and the previous issues from the Publicity Chairman, Dorothy Wilder, and the photograph in this issue give you a glimpse of the scenic beauty and places of interest our convention city offers its visitors.

For a resume of the educational and business features, which is the primary purpose for our convention, read the Resume of the Official Program in this



issue. It is impossible to tell you in a resume of the program just what you can expect to gain from this part of the meeting. It is here that we, bound by our tie of sisterhood in service, will meet on a common, natural ground of interest, experience and outlook. In this interesting exchange of ideas and aspirations we will be inspired by the feel of the pulse of our association. For among the group gathered here will be the pioneers, and leaders past and present, of our ADAA, from whose efforts have come solid results in the advancement of the vocation of dental assisting through the years. This year's meeting is expected to bring together the largest group of ADAA'ers ever assembled for an annual session. The House of Delegates will be representing a record high membership in the ADAA, and there will no doubt

be much to discuss as we explore, praise and appraise last year's program, and sketch out the approach to a program for the coming year that will insure us continued progress. These are the highlights of what you can expect to gain from the convention, but we can't possibly give you full details of the many things planned for both the pleasure of the eyes and the enrichment of the mind and spirit. You will have to be there to really receive the full benefit of the meeting.

The California assistants are giving freely and happily of their time and abilities to make your convention one that will provide you an unforgettable experience. Why not accept the kind invitation of the girls from the Golden West, and be in San Francisco in October when the gang's all there!

### REDWOODS NEVER DIE NATURALLY

One of the great Indians of history, was Se-quo-yah. He was not a warrior like Sitting Bull. He was a thinker. He belonged to the Cherokee Tribe. The white men called him George Guess. In 1821 he invented an alphabet for the Indian people, the first in their history. His tribe learned to read and write with his crude but practical alphabet. So, when it came to naming the most majestic group of trees growing on earth, the giant Redwoods of California, the white botanists kept alive the memory of the Indian thinker, and named the tree after him—Sequoia. Thus his name will live as long as things live upon this earth, for the Sequoia is the one and only living thing—so far as man can discover and measure—that never dies a natural death.

All men know something of the Redwoods of California. But the one outstanding thought that is seldom uttered concerning them is this fact about the LIFE of the tree. Scientists who have given much thought to the matter are of the opinion that, except for violence,

the Sequoia Gigantea, has never died a natural death. They have been standing for thousands of years, and there is no indication that, like other trees, they become mature and decay. It is difficult to conceive of such a thing, but it appears that as far as our way of measuring time is concerned, this tree is everlasting.

Col. George Stewart wrote a book years ago called "Big Trees of the Giant Forest," and in it he tells of how almost miraculously one of the Redwoods will heal itself if terribly damaged, though not entirely destroyed. He says that when terribly burned by forest fires, one of these trees will actually renew its bark and covering, build new buttresses around its roots for their protection, and then continue its life uninterrupted. Sometimes lightning strikes one of these trees so as to entirely destroy its life. But otherwise, is health and life seem permanent.

*Ed. note: This interesting bit of information about the giant Redwoods of California, which we will soon be viewing on the interesting tour planned for us, should give us a deeper appreciation of another of nature's phenomena.*

# CONDENSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 15, 1955

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|-----------|------|--|
| Morning   | 9:00 | Board of Trustees Meeting, Room 2127           |
| Afternoon | 1:00 | Examination for Certification                  |
|           | 4:00 | Registration, Main Lobby                       |
| Evening   | 7:00 | Annual Dinner, Board of Trustees, Trader Vic's |

Sunday, October 16, 1955

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| Morning   | 8:00  | Board of Trustees Meeting, Room 2051  |
|           | 9:00  | Registration, Main Lobby              |
|           | 10:30 | Bus Tour, Luncheon, Fisherman's Wharf |
| Afternoon | 4:00  | to 6:00: Hostess Tea, Cafe Grill      |

Monday, October 17, 1955

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| Morning   | 8:00 | Registration, Main Lobby                     |
|           | 9:00 | General Session, Rose Room                   |
| Afternoon | 1:00 | Registration, Main Lobby                     |
|           | 2:00 | House of Delegates, First Session, Rose Room |
|           | 3:30 | ADAA Clinics, Rose Room                      |

Tuesday, October 18, 1955

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| Morning   | 8:00 | Registration, Main Lobby  |
|           | 9:00 | Conference of Delegates, Concert Room<br>Moderator, Mary Francis Dutton<br>1. "Coordination of Officers," Lillian Hoffman<br>2. "Don't Be Afraid of Parliamentary Procedure,"<br>Steve Ann Montgomery<br>3. "Know Your By-Laws," Nita Browning<br>4. "Better Public Relations Through Understanding,"<br>Virginia Hoffman |
| Afternoon | 1:00 | Registration, Main Lobby  |
|           | 2:00 | House of Delegates, Second Session, Concert Room  |
| Evening   | 7:00 | Banquet, Honoring President, Ruth Doring, Garden Court,<br>Sheraton-Palace  |

Wednesday, October 19, 1955

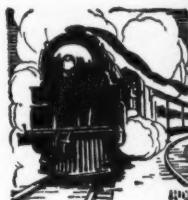
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| Morning   | 8:00  | Registration, Main Lobby                         |
|           | 9:00  | Clinics with A.D.A., Civic Auditorium            |
|           | 11:30 | Official Roll Call, Comstock Room                |
|           | 12:00 | Balloting  |
| Afternoon | 3:00  | House of Delegates, Third Session, Comstock Room |

Thursday, October 20, 1955

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| Morning | 9:00 | House of Delegates, Fourth Session<br>Presentation of Trophies<br>Installation of Officers |
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## IT'S LATER THAN *You Think!*



By DOROTHY WILDER

Particularly when you think in terms of October 17th and the opening sessions of the Thirty-first annual convention of The American Dental Association in "The City by The Golden Gate" San Francisco.

Unless you have already made your plans to attend the San Francisco conference, and are ready to grab your luggage and start West to what will undoubtedly be one of the most outstanding national conventions in the history of the dental assistants long established program of cooperation and education, you may find time is running out on you.

San Francisco, on the other hand, is all ready for YOU.

Many special attractions have been arranged for your fun and entertainment as you will notice by reading the reports of various convention committee chairmen, and by reading the material being sent you by national headquarters in connection with the meetings.

Your Association officers have devoted a great deal of time in preparing an outstanding program of business and educational subjects . . . a fact that is in itself sufficient justification for your making it a point to attend the convention. And of course San Francisco, as world-famed convention city, is prepared to greet you with a great variety of historic, entertaining, and recreational attractions.

No trip to San Francisco would be complete without taking a ride on one of the famed Cable Cars . . . a ride that takes you through the busy downtown

commercial section, up one of the steep hills, 'round a sharp curve where the car's conductor advises you to "Hang-on for the Curve," over the top of the hill where a tremendous panorama of blue Pacific Ocean, inner waterfront docks and distant cities of Richmond, Berkeley, Oakland, Hayward and Sausalito spread before your eyes; and quickly down the steep descent to a turnaround, or turnabout for the return trip. You'll have to make the trip to agree that will thrill you for many memories to come.

Chinatown, by day or night, is another "must" on your trip to San Francisco. Located adjacent to the city's extensive financial district and within easy walking distance of the Sheraton-Palace, convention hotel headquarters, or almost any downtown hotel, Chinatown offers a truly real picture of the Orient . . . quaint shops, restaurants, building architecture, and people. You will enjoy the quaint shops because of the many unusual items of merchandise offered; the restaurants give you an opportunity to eat foods seldom available, and a Chinese or Japanese dinner served in native surroundings is something to write home about. Chinatown can be enjoyed either in daytime or after dark, however the distinctive lighting of the area adds considerably to the quaintness of an evening visit.

Night-clubs in a great diversity of appeal, offer a distinct metropolitan type entertainment with many outstanding personalities of the radio, stage and tele-

vision making personal appearances. Many hotels offer a combination dining and dancing entertainment with some of the nation's top name-bands furnishing the music.

Restaurants offer as complete a diversity as is the desire of the individual diner. You can literally eat 'round the world in San Francisco. Fishermen's Wharf for seafoods, French restaurants, German, Italian, Swedish, American . . . whatever type of food is your favorite, you will find here in a truly native environment.

Entertainment and recreation is available for every wish—it is just a question of how much time you will have for such special events away from the all important functions of the convention and business sessions. However, for those who have the time, and for those who may wish to stay-over in San Francisco for a day or two following the convention, and that's not a bad idea either, there are many things to do and see.

A tour of the city's vast Golden Gate Park, a visit to one of the extensive art museums, a game of golf, or a trip across the Golden Gate Bridge into residential Marin County and Muir Woods National Monument where the Giant Redwood trees are located. Perhaps a trip over the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge where the cities of Richmond, Berkeley, and Oakland offer much in the way of beautiful residential sections, and of course the campus of the University of California in Berkeley.

In the opposite direction from San Francisco lies the interesting and richly landscaped residential sections of Burlingame, Hillsborough, Palo Alto and San Jose, with the famous Stanford University a "must-see" at Palo Alto. Should you so desire, you may continue southward through rich agricultural valleys, or modern mountain highways to the recreational beach city of Santa Cruz and the Monterey

and Carmel areas, famous for their early Spanish and California history and their present day beauty of shoreline and ocean vistas.

While we are principally concerned in convincing you that you should attend the dental assistants convention in San Francisco, and have endeavored to highlight some of the plus factors available when you come to San Francisco, we might point out a few of the other plus scenic and entertainment attractions available to you on the West Coast, either on your way to San Francisco, or on your way home, that can be arranged for at the time you make your transportation arrangements with your own travel agency.

The high Sierra Mountains offer beauty unsurpassed in the Donner Summit and Lake Tahoe recreational regions; Crater Lake and the recreational wonderland of the Pacific Northwest can be a part of your trip; Southern California, including the radio, motion picture, and television studios with their previews, premiers and audience shows, and further south lies San Diego, Coronado, and Tijuana in Old Mexico.

There certainly is no end to what you can do on a trip West. But, there has to be a beginning, and the beginning in this instance should be your determination to "come to San Francisco" for the dental assistants convention. From that initial decision, your trip can be limited only by your choice of activities and the amount of time you have to spend away from home . . . don't worry about money.

In any event, there is still time to make your plans to attend the San Francisco convention, make your hotel reservation right away, get ready and you will find it's not as late as we think. Whether you live in New York, Miami, Chicago, or California, you just simply can't miss the 31st annual convention in San Francisco. We'll be here! How about you?

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## NEWS RELEASE

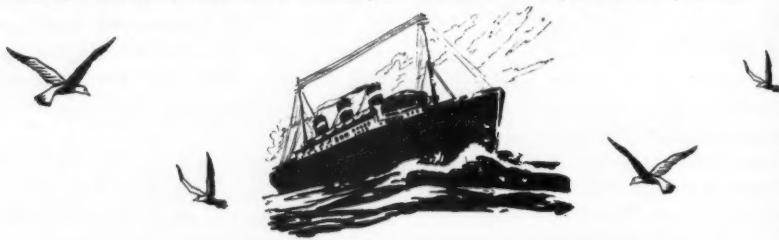
An unusual dental meeting combining a scientific program and a vacation tour of the Hawaiian Islands has been planned for A.D.A. members on Oct. 24-25 by the Honolulu County Dental Society, a component society of the Hawaii Territorial Dental Society.

The meeting, called the Pan-Pacific Dental Conference, will be held at famed Waikiki Beach immediately after the close of the 96th annual session of the American Dental Association in San Francisco.

In addition to an interesting two-day scientific program, the society has scheduled an official tour, including a trip around the island of Oahu, native feasts, a fashion show and other unusual events. Special trips to islands of Hawaii and Kauai have also been arranged. The latter is known as the garden island.

Total cost of the trip ranges as low as \$415, including tax, it was announced by Dr. Floyd A. Sandberg, the general chairman. This includes round-trip transportation on either Pan American World Airways or United Airlines from San Francisco to Hawaii, ten days at a Waikiki hotel and all the special events in the official tour program.

Reservations and further information may be obtained by writing the Mainland Office, Pan-Pacific Dental Conference, 3124 East 14th St., Oakland 1, Calif.



### Chicago Dental Society Trip to California and Hawaii

Dr. Bob Placek, Transportation Manager for the C.D.S. train trip to California and return, and the Hawaiian Holiday, reports both trips are drawing a gratifying number of inquiries and reservations from doctors in Chicago and surrounding area. A recent article in the A.D.A. Journal on the trips has now stimulated interest nationwide and, from all indications, both trips will be fully subscribed.

The California train trip is via the California Zephyrs to San Francisco, returning by way of Yosemite and visiting Los Angeles for three days, thence, via the Grand Canyon to Chicago. The Hawaiian Holiday begins with a flight direct to Honolulu for a ten day luxury stop at the palatial Royal Hawaiian Hotel. The Pan-Pacific Dental Conference is being held during the time the group is in Honolulu. The highlight of the trip is the cruise homeward, aboard the beautifully appointed S.S. Lurline from Honolulu to Los Angeles.

A printed itinerary on both the California and Hawaiian trip, giving full particulars and costs may be had by applying to Dr. R. Placek, 1545 W. Division St., Chicago, Illinois.

# PATIENT RELATIONS NO. 1

By FRANK H. CRISPIN

You may be wondering why I have titled this paper—"Patient Relations No. 1." Sounds a bit like a trick title, but I believe I can develop a sound foundation for it.

You who are dental assistants will, I'm sure, agree with me when I say that your job requires that you must be a jack-of-all-trades and, contrary to the old adage—a master of most of them. You are a confidant, housekeeper, diplomat, nurse, bookkeeper, receptionist, purchasing agent, bill payer and collector and general "fixer upper."

You are also something else that you, I believe, sometimes do not realize—something that is very important to the success of your office—something that dentists, because they are not essentially trained as business men, often also do not realize. You are in the sales department, if you please, of your office. You say, "What's he talking about? I don't sell anything."

Now, before I get you all riled up about this word "selling," maybe I'd better talk about it a little. Until a better word is developed to describe those efforts we all must make in order to have people like us as individuals, or like the atmosphere in our respective offices, places of business, or homes, I'm going to have to keep on using the word "selling," even though I know that it may not be the most satisfactory terminology to use in connection with professional services. Whoa! What was that last word I used—"services"? Say! Isn't that what the patient pays your doctor, and, indirectly, you for? You must be delivering a dental service.

Now if you *are* delivering a service and have an office in which to perform this service, something *must* be influencing people to come to *your* particular office.

These patients must be being sold some way by somebody.

Now, I'm going to take this word "selling" out of the door-to-door and vacuum cleaner classification and bring it to you—the dental assistant—right smack at your reception room door.

You do not trade your money for anything unless you feel that this thing is of more *benefit* to you than the money involved.

There is no question in your mind, or my mind, about the benefits of dentistry—is there? All the people who go to dentists get sold on the benefits of dentistry somehow, somewhere. Otherwise, they wouldn't be patients. Isn't that selling?

Now *you* know, and as a dental man I certainly know, that your office could undoubtedly render a good dental service without nice furniture in the reception room, without a telephone, and with less modern decoration and equipment than you now have. Why then do you have these things in your office? Well, you say, to make it more pleasant and efficient. I agree whole-heartedly. We all want our places more efficient and pleasant. Isn't that selling?

So, if we have no difference of opinion on this point thus far, then where do you, the assistant fit into this picture? There is an expression that has been used for many years in business. It is true—one hundred per cent true. This expression is: "When you pick up the telephone you are the firm speaking." If you think back you can no doubt recall some person to whom you have spoken on the telephone and from whom you received a very poor impression of the firm or office he represented. This is no less true when you greet people in person.

Therefore, since you are the person

first to see the patient when he comes to your office, it is important that you give some thought to the impression you make on that patient. This is "patient relations"—and you are No. 1.

Be pleasant. It isn't always easy, but be pleasant anyway. I don't mean be subservient or "wifie-washie." Just be pleasant in manner and tone of voice.

Smile—nothing is as infectious as a smile. Try it. Smile pleasantly and directly at the next straight-faced person you are talking to and see what happens. I'll bet you a prophylaxis they smile back at you.

Be reassuring to the patient. Explain why you are adjusting the headrest when you seat him. Explain other things you do, as you do them, except where they overlap into the professional aspect of the visit.

Don't form snap judgment when a stranger with a brief case rings your door buzzer. He may want to make an appointment for himself or his Aunt Emma who needs a new denture.

Be sure who he is and what he wants, and if you are suspicious, by all means don't let it show on your face.

Radiate an atmosphere of confidence. Many patients, as you know, are apprehensive about dentistry. Your confidence and reassurance will help.

Be sincere. If you aren't sincere, you are in the wrong occupation. It is easy to enjoy doing all these things if you really like people, your employer and your job.

Insincerity can be detected quickly, and when it is—all is lost.

Be natural. Don't try to be like anybody but *you*.

Do you agree with me that these things I have mentioned are good, and an asset to the dental office? If you do, I have proved the point—that you are in the sales department of your office, because each and everything I have mentioned, slightly changed to fit a dental assistant's job, is found in *every single*

*sales training course that people pay to take in order to learn to sell anything.*

You *are* in the sales department. You are important and we who sell *you* things love you dearly.

*Mr. Crispin, mgr., S. S. White Dental Mfg. Co., Seattle Branch, presented this paper to the Seattle Society members at their Nov., 1952 meeting.*

#### **Juliette A. Southard Memorial Party —September**

By this time plans have been completed for your fund raising activity during your SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY MEETING.

May we suggest extra publicity for this Meeting to assure maximum attendance.

The "EFFORT" . . . Your National President's theme . . . will be well expended in a worthwhile manner in this endeavor for the year 1955.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

**DO NOT SEND CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO THIS COMMITTEE.**

Make checks payable to: Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund.

Send Contributions to: American Dental Assistants Association, 410 First National Bank Bldg., La Porte, Indiana.

**REMEMBER—SUCCESS DEPENDS  
UPON THE EFFORTS OF EACH COM-  
PONENT SOCIETY.**

**J.A.S. RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE**  
Magdalene Kulstad, *Chairman*

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

The November-December issue of **THE DENTAL ASSISTANT** will be published a few days later than the usual date in order to bring you a report of the San Francisco convention.

# *Certification and YOU*

By EUGENIA UTTECH  
ADACB Advisory Council

I am sure you were much impressed by the article entitled "Are You Certified" presented by Betty Macy in the May-June issue of THE DENTAL ASSISTANT. Certainly it was inspiring to 3618 Dental Assistants. That is the number now certified. Did you personally give it the serious consideration it deserves? There are 55,000 Dental Assistants in the United States, and if you are not one of the 3618, possibly you wonder why YOU should consider it seriously.

It has been my pleasure to read some dental journals, and I have had available to me considerable data pertaining to the severe demands placed upon the dental profession. We, together with the hygienists and dental technicians, comprise the auxiliary groups that help the dentist meet the heavy requirements placed upon him. The value of auxiliary help has increased greatly during the past few years because of the increased demands now made upon it.

Very few assistants realize the opportunities open to us for both individual development and association development. They do not realize the extreme youthfulness of our association and consequently the great possibilities for increased service.

Let us obtain a background by considering our association and the dental association and see if that clarifies our possibilities. The first dentist graduated from a one-year dental school course 114 years ago. Since that time 143,807 dentists graduated. 94,000 are still alive and over 84,000 are still active in the practice of dentistry. Just consider how much dentistry has accomplished over such a short period of time.

Now, check our A.D.A.A. progress. A brief five years ago, there were practically no approved dental assistant courses. Today, we have 18 dental assistant programs, approved by the A.D.A.A. and consisting of two-year courses, one-year courses, extension study courses and one correspondence course. Certainly the development of such a background indicates both demand and increased service.

I wanted to make you enthusiastic over your position as a dental assistant when I started this article but figures and statistics are thought provoking rather than enthusiasm producing. However, I do hope they make you realize that you as an assistant today are presented with innumerable opportunities for future service to our employers and future development of your own capabilities. Certification is a huge step in preparing us to assume the responsibilities with which we are faced. Let's give "Certification and You" serious consideration.

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THE FOLLOWING STATES HELD CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS FROM May 1 to August 1, 1955: Iowa 1; Texas 1; Oklahoma 1; Nebraska 1; Montana 1; Kansas 1; Missouri 1; Indiana 1; New York 2; Pennsylvania 1; West Virginia 2; Tennessee 1; North Carolina 2; Northern California 1; Mississippi 1. Total number of examinations held, 18. Two hundred forty-one qualified assistants took the examination. Two hundred eighteen passed the examination.

To date we have 3964 Certified Dental Assistants.

## OUR WEAK LINKS — *Let's Strengthen Them*

By ELSIE KAPPENBERG

The word organize is defined in Webster's dictionary as—"arrange or distribute into parts with the proper officials so as to work or carry out a scheme efficiently." I am sure you will all agree our Dental Assistants Association is a well organized group of professional women with a wonderful motto to follow, "Education, Efficiency, Loyalty, and Service." We should all be justly proud of our local, state and national societies. We have accomplished great things in the past and the future looks bright and promising. It is quite an important part of any organization to have a group of intelligent hard-working officials in order to achieve its goals and ideals. We can be reasonably sure our officers are always working for the good of our society. They may make mistakes, but, what human doesn't? Your president, secretary-treasurer and others spend many hours performing their duties, trying in every way possible to secure for you all the benefits of your association. What about you? As just a member of this splendid organization, are you doing your part? Do you help or hinder its progress? Are you pulling along with your officers, or are you dead weight?

Just for comparison lets think of our association as a chain. One that extends from the Pacific to the Atlantic, from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. We are a part of this huge chain; a very small part indeed when we consider the territory it covers. So no matter how small a part you play, you are important; and one weak member can stop progress in an organization just as surely as one weak link can break an otherwise powerful chain. Well, what are we going to do about weak members? There are two ways to handle undesirables, one to remove the offenders, the other to improve or strengthen them. The easy way would be to

drop their names from the membership roll, just as it would be far easier for your employers to extract sensitive carious teeth, instead of the laborious process of saving such teeth. We would have little or no respect for a dentist who used such methods routinely in his practice; by the same token we should have little or no respect for ourselves to use such tactics in our organization. Therefore, we prefer to improve and strengthen our weak links. We can do this by one very definite plan—cooperation. That is all it will take. Each member working with the other for the good of all. An ideal member is one who cooperates with her local officers in every way. A simple little thing like getting dues in annually in January, not waiting to be asked for them at the last minute, helps tremendously the jobs of secretary and treasurer. Remember these girls are holding down full time positions and can't always drop everything to get your dues in before the dead line. Report any change in name and address, business or residence or change in employer. We all want our Journal on time, and our correspondence properly addressed. Help your secretary by giving her this information as soon as possible—if not sooner.

Be an active member. Accept responsibilities, as a committee chairman, as a director on the board, or as an officer. You have no idea how much enjoyment you can derive until you assume one of these positions. You will learn more about your association, you will know more members personally, plus the added pleasure of really being a member, not just belonging to your society. Don't let George do it—pitch in and help. Why aren't you giving a paper or clinic at this meeting? Is it because it was too

much trouble? Suppose everyone took that attitude—where would we be?

When you have the opportunity as a local or state officer to work with your respective state or national officers, check and recheck every piece of correspondence and membership list for correct spelling of names and addresses. Be sure when sending in checks for dues, pins, etc., you send correct amounts payable to the right person or society, thereby eliminating unnecessary correspondence and delays.

If it should ever be your good fortune to be a local or state president, give everyone a chance to speak at the general assembly no matter how new or inexperienced that member may be. Often your very newest members have marvelous ideas we may never think of or consider possible. Every officer should remember it is her responsibility to guide and encourage her members and not dictate or infringe on their privileges. She should never put her own personal interest and pleasure above the ideals and advancement of the organization.

Never criticize unless it is constructive criticism, then only before the entire membership at a regular meeting. Never do anything, regardless of circumstances, to degrade yourself or cause harmful reflection on your association.

Always inspire other dental assistants to join your local society and assist new members in becoming active. Be sure when you are creating interest among non-members, whether it is a single person or a group, to give them all the information available. Be certain they understand the purpose of the organization, the benefits they will derive, the regulations of the local, state, and national associations, and the relationship of each to the other. Don't be guilty of helping to form a new society, then leaving that group out on a limb. Give them the names of the state president and secretary-treasurer, encourage them to write to these girls for necessary information and help. This will again prevent unnecessary

correspondence to the National Headquarters office and promote cooperation and good will in your own state.

Do every thing in your power to stimulate friendship and promote understanding in your group. Keep out petty jealousies and arguments. Every one has some personality trait or idiosyncrasy of which we do not approve. William Cecil once said, "If there is any person to whom you feel dislike, that is the person of whom you ought never to speak". That is a wonderful rule to follow. If we all did this, then every time we see a group of dental assistants talking to each other we would know they are improving our association, not tearing it down.

Do you as an individual spend your society's money as if you had to personally return every cent, or do you make bills indiscriminately with the attitude that there is plenty more where that came from, or the next group will replace it? It is important that thrift be exercised at all times. Make it your business that whenever you spend a dollar your association gets a dollar's value.

If there is anyone who isn't guilty of making the mistakes I mentioned or doesn't hinder progress, and it's quite possible you are not guilty, then it is your responsibility to give that extra nudge to help our newer, less experienced members. Don't be above extending a helping hand for we need the guidance of our former officers. As ex-presidents, secretaries, treasurers, you should exert just as much energy and enthusiasm in assisting others get ahead as you did for yourself.

Though it isn't the time of year we normally think of resolutions if we would each resolve here and now to do our part to cooperate with each other, prevent unnecessary work for our officers, to be the best—very best member of our association, we would eliminate all the weak links and have a strong, powerful chain.

# *Nominations for Elective A.D.A.A. Offices*

## *1955 - 1956*

We present the following list of candidates nominated for elective ADAA offices, and active membership on the Certification Board, as received by the Chairman of the 1955 Nominations Committee.

For the office of PRESIDENT-ELECT:

MARY FRANCIS DUTTON

### QUALIFICATIONS:

Number years member of ADAA—18  
Number years a Dental Assistant—18  
Member of Georgia Dental Assistants Assn. Offices held in Local: Secretary and President. Offices held in State: President. Offices held in ADAA: 4th District Trustee; 2nd Vice-President; 1st Vice-President; Chairman ADAA Public Relations Committee (2 years); member J.A.S. Birthday Party Committee.

For the office of 1st VICE-PRESIDENT:

MAGDALENE KULSTAD

### QUALIFICATIONS:

Number years member of ADAA—16  
Number years a Dental Assistant—16  
Member of Southern California State Dental Assistants Assn. Offices held in Local: Secretary; President. Offices held in State: Secretary; 1st Vice-President; President. Offices held in ADAA: 3rd Vice-President; 2nd Vice-President. Chairman J.A.S. Relief Fund and J.A.S. Scholarship Fund Committees.

For the office of 2nd VICE PRESIDENT:

JOY PHILLIPS

### QUALIFICATIONS:

Number years member of ADAA—9  
Number years a Dental Assistant—9½  
Member of Arizona State Dental Assistants Assn. Offices held in Local: President; Secretary. Offices held in State: Secretary - Treasurer; President. Offices held in ADAA: 3rd Vice-President; Chairman J.A.S. Scholarship Fund Committee;

member ADAA Education and J.A.S. Birthday Party Committees. Certified in 1949; Editor of State Bulletin (2 years); helped organize State Association; prepared original and revised State By-Laws.

For the office of 3rd VICE-PRESIDENT:

IONE C. ROBERTS

### QUALIFICATIONS:

Number years member of ADAA—11  
Number years a Dental Assistant—14  
Member of Tennessee State Dental Assistants Assn. Offices held in Local: Vice-President; President. Offices held in State: 3rd Vice-President; 2nd Vice-President; 1st Vice-President; President. Offices held in ADAA: 5th District Trustee (term expires 1955); Member of ADAA Public Relations Committee.

For the office of 3rd VICE-PRESIDENT:

EUGENIA UTTECH

### QUALIFICATIONS:

Number years member of ADAA—18  
Number years a Dental Assistant—20  
Member of Wisconsin State Dental Assistants Assn. Offices held in Local: None. Offices held in State: Secretary; President. Offices held in ADAA: 6th District Trustee (term expires 1955); Chairman of ADAA By-Laws Committee; Member of Certification Board.

For the office of 3rd VICE-PRESIDENT:

VIRGINIA HOFFMAN

### QUALIFICATIONS:

Number years member of ADAA—17  
Number years a Dental Assistant—23  
Member of Pennsylvania State Dental Assistants Assn. Offices held in Local: All offices. Organized Pennsylvania State Assn. Offices held in ADAA: 3rd District Trustee (4 years); Member ADAA Public Relations and Education Committees.

For the office of 3rd VICE-PRESIDENT:  
BLANCHE M. CARTE  
QUALIFICATIONS:

Number years member of ADAA—25  
Number years a Dental Assistant—28  
Member of West Virginia State Dental Assistants Assn. Offices held in Local: Secretary - Treasurer; President. Offices held in State: Secretary-Treasurer; President. Offices held in ADAA: Former Trustee; served on ADAA Committees (not listed), and is Certified.

For the office of 3rd VICE-PRESIDENT:  
MARY MIELLMIER

QUALIFICATIONS:

Number years member of ADAA—6  
Number years a Dental Assistant—6  
Member of Texas State Dental Assistants Assn. Offices held in Local: Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer. Offices held in State: Treasurer; Secretary; 2nd Vice-President. Offices held in ADAA: None. Chairman ADAA Pin Committee for 10th District, 1953-54, and of ADAA Membership Committee for 10th District, 1954-55. Has attended a National Meeting, and is a Certified Dental Assistant.

For office of GENERAL SECRETARY:  
(re-election) ELMA TROUTMAN

QUALIFICATIONS:

Number years member of ADAA—10  
Number years a Dental Assistant—12  
Member of Ohio State Dental Assistants Assn. Offices held in Local: Corresponding Secretary; Vice-President; President. Offices held in State: 1st and 2nd Vice-President; President. Offices held in ADAA: 3rd District Trustee (2 years); General Secretary (1 year). Chairman J.A.S. Birthday Party Committee.

For the office of TREASURER:  
(re-election) HARRIETT A. DARLING  
QUALIFICATIONS:

Number years member of ADAA—15  
Number years a Dental Assistant—25  
Member of South Dakota State Dental

Assistants Assn. Offices held in Local: All offices. Offices held in State: All offices. Offices held in ADAA: 7th District Trustee; General Secretary; 3rd Vice-President (2 years); Treasurer (2 years). Chairman ADAA Public Relations Committee; member Judicial, J.A.S. Relief Fund, J.A.S. Scholarship Fund, and Budget and Finance Committees.

For Active Membership on Certification Board:

ROSE K. DONOHUE (for re-election). Member of Pennsylvania State D. A. Assn., member of ADAA 12 years, member of Certification Board 2 years, serving as Vice-Chairman 1 year. Certified 7 years.

VERA M. SPIES (for re-election).

Member of Iowa State D. A. Assn., member of ADAA 9 years, member Certification Board 2 years. Certified 6 years.

VIRGINIA CARPENTER.

Member of Tennessee State D. A. Assn., member of ADAA 11 years. Served as Chairman ADAA Membership Committee. Certified 7 years.

EUNICE SNYDER

Member of Kansas State D. A. Assn., member of ADAA 10 years, Past President of State Assn. Certified 2 years.

MARGARET LEEDOM.

Member of Nebraska State D. A. Assn., member of ADAA 28 years. Associated with College of Dentistry, Nebraska University. Life member of Nebraska and of ADAA. Certified 8 years. Has assisted at all but one Certification Examination in Nebraska.

MARGARET BENTHEIMER.

Member of Florida State D. A. Assn., member of ADAA 11 years. Served as President of State Assn., and was in charge of 3 Extension Study Courses in St. Petersburg. Certified 7 years.

VIOLET HANSEN.

Member of Southern California State D. A. Assn., member of ADAA 25 years. Served on ADAA Membership

Committee, and was State Examining Chairman for Certification, 2 years. Certified 7 years.

#### LILLIAN ASHCROFT.

Member of West Virginia State D. A. Assn., member of ADAA 8 years. Served as State President. Member of ADAA Membership and Elections Committees. Certified 2 years.

#### NEITA F. BOYNTON.

Member of Texas State D. A. Assn., member of ADAA 6 years. Served as Examining Chairman for State Assn. Certified 1 year.

In addition to the above named candidates for the Certification Board, it is required that a member of the Board of Trustees and a member of the Past

President's Council be nominated. These two candidates will be nominated at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco, after the two groups have met to decide upon their respective nominees.

Further nominations for all elective offices may be made from the floor of the House of Delegates, but the consent of the candidate must be secured in writing before the nomination is made.

Respectfully submitted,

#### THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Helen C. Searles, *Chairman*  
LaVeta Lehn  
Janet Lindenbergs  
Helen Fleming  
Maria Bothen

## Changes In The Directory Of ADAA Officers

#### NEW SOCIETIES

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA** — Palo Alto D.A.A. — Pres. Nancy Shambora, 564 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto; Sec. Verna Markarian, 722 Channing Ave, Palo Alto. **FLORIDA** — Volusia County D.A.A. — Pres. Donna Dabney, 33 Division Ave, Ormond Beach; Sec. Sharlene Corn, 125 Mound Ave., Ormond Beach.

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**LOUISIANA** — Lake Charles D.A.A. — Pres. Margaret Bird, 210 Wilson Ave, Lake Charles; Sec. Anne Waldmann, 1802 Bilbo, Lake Charles.

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**NORTHERN CALIF.** — Marin Co. D.A.A. — Pres. Mavis Bailey, 44 Bolinas Road, Fairfax; Sec. Gail Kreuter, Route 7, Box 396, Mill Valley.

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**MASSACHUSETTS DENTAL ASSTS. ASSN.** — Pres. Elsie Crosby, 12 Butler St., Salem. **MINNESOTA** — Duluth Dist. D.A.A. — Pres. Marlene Dryke, 233 Whittier St., Duluth; Sec. Genevieve Zenkovich, 316 S. 57th Ave., Duluth.

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**NEW YORK** — Buffalo D.A.A. — Sec. Juliana Endres, 62 Rose Street, Buffalo.

**NORTH CAROLINA** — Greensboro D.A.A. — Pres. Carolyn Welch c/o Dr. M. R. Hunter, Jefferson Bldg., Greensboro; Sec. Margaret Wade, 516 Southeastern Bldg., Greensboro.

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**OHIO** — Columbus D.A.A. — Pres. Maxine Calander, 173 W. Locust St, Apt 2, Newark; Sec. Carol Brown, 31 Granville Street, Newark.

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#### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA D.A.A.** — Pres. Nancy Conens, 1612 Castro St., San Francisco.

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# A.D.A.A. NEWS ITEMS

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## CENTRAL OFFICE NOTES:

Please do not overlook advising local societies, and state and national associations of changes in name and address. Mail is being returned to us.

October 31st is the last date on which central office can accept 1955 memberships. Be governed accordingly.

It is hoped that the Manuals, and the Instructions to Local Society Officers are being studied, and are proving helpful.

The sound movie of the 30th Annual ADAA Meeting in Miami is still available to component groups. Write directly to Sal Fayne Company, 801 Patterson Boulevard, Dayton, Ohio.

## PRICE CHANGE FOR PICTURES

Due to a recent increase in the cost of engravings, the price for printing of pictures in the journal, effective immediately, will be as follows:

Full page,  $7\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ —\$12.50

Half page,  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{7}{8}$ —\$8.80

Quarter page,  $3\frac{7}{8} \times 2\frac{1}{8}$ —\$7.25

## CONVENTION NOTES

Notice to Delegates, Alternates and Members attending the A.D.A.A. 31st Annual Meeting in San Francisco: Be sure to bring your credentials card and ADAA Membership Card so that you may register for the meeting, and to insure you recognition as a Delegate or Alternate.

To Presidents of Local Societies: We urge you to be certain that your society has been presented the proposed amendments to the ADAA By-Laws (of which you recently received a copy), prior to the annual ADAA Meeting. The State Delegates and Alternates should be instructed as to the wishes of your members concerning these amendments, in order to cast their votes accordingly when these amendments are brought before the House of Delegates for consideration and action.

Please study the report of the 1955-1956 Nominations Committee presented in this issue. This method of nominating was adopted in order to give the delegates an opportunity to know the record of service of the various nominees for elective offices, and to provide ample time for consideration of your choice of candidates. Study your By-Laws and cast your votes intelligently on all matters brought before the House of Delegates.

## CORRECTION

The July-August issue of the journal carried an announcement that the American Dental Assistants Certification Board would hold an examination for certification on October 31, 1955. This was listed incorrectly, and we wish to inform you that the correct date is October 15, 1955, at one o'clock P.M., College of Dentistry, Third and Parnassus, San Francisco, California.

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## EDITORIAL

### INTROSPECTION

By ETHEL BAXTER  
Contributing Editor

Personality is the sum total of all the traits and characteristics that make us what we are and keeps this world and our relationships with one another interesting. Everything we do and say gives evidence of our personality traits, traits that cannot possibly be concealed. Therefore, we must constantly strive to improve both our bad and good traits in order to present a pleasing personality to the world.

Tolerance, a trait most admirable in others, is one to be constantly cultivated. After all, our actions and viewpoints may be just as peculiar to others as we find theirs to be.

Reverence, without which no personality is enhanced, will go a long way toward creating a personal character pleasing to others. We do not endear ourselves to others by a cynical attitude toward the things which they hold sacred.

Judgment, that trait which involves making decisions, should be developed, for it is difficult to make decisions based entirely on clear-headed thinking with the exclusion of emotions.

Enthusiasm is the quality which typifies the difference between "How little can I do?" and "How much can I get done?" Enthusiasm has the faculty of generating happiness. Few of us are interested in the overly cautious person who is afraid and looks on life from a safe distance.

Is it easy and natural for you to say and do the right things? The quality of tactfulness is the intangible that makes others comfortable and happy. Tacitfulness is only genuine when it borrows from another important personality trait—sincerity.

Cheerfulness, without which no personality can be pleasing, can be our most important asset. Cheerfulness is contagious. We must face all life's facts, forgetting things which are unpleasant and incapable of change, and concentrate on the bright things each day brings.

Serenity, which has a deep influence on others and adds years to our lives, can best be attained by remembering the following quotation from *The Atlantian*:

"God grant me the serenity to accept things I cannot change,  
The courage to change things I can,  
And wisdom to know the difference."

# Views of the NEWS

By ALBERTA REED



"Truth is such a rare thing, it is delightful to tell it. I find ecstasy in living; the mere sense of living is joy enough. How do people live without any thoughts? . . . If I read a book and it makes my whole body so cold no fire can ever warm me, I know that is poetry."

—EMILY DICKINSON

Are you a disciple of truth—an advocate of the joy of living? Can words convince you of the beauty of poetry? Remember there is poetry in motive, in ambition, in deeds, in motion, in physical touch and mental gymnastics. If you can feel joy at day's dawning on an ordinary kind of day, excitement for the many tasks ahead, pleasure in completing a task with skill and vigor, and contentment when the sun has set—you are a poet in life!

## FIRST DISTRICT

### *News from New Hampshire*

The eighth Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Dental Assistants Association was held in June in conjunction with the 78th Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Dental Society. This meeting convened at the Mountain View House, Whitefield, N. H., and activities included regular business meetings, election and installation of officers, and a well-rounded program of educational clinics and lectures. Of particular interest was the clinic presented by Dr. Andrew N. Weston, Nashua, N. H., on "Indications and Contraindications of Pulpotomy and Pulp Capping; The Role of the Dental Assistant." At a joint luncheon with the New Hampshire Dental Hygienists Association, a representative of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company spoke on "Your Voice and You." Social activities were not forgotten as members participated in a well-rounded social program.

## SECOND DISTRICT

### *News from New York*

Even blistering heat and humidity cannot stay the report of the irrepressible Lee Taras, State Reporter for the New York State Dental Assistants Association. The Dental Assistants

Study Club, 2nd District, announces the beginning of its Extension Study Course in September and urges all dental assistants to enroll with Beat Gindea, Chairman, 1283 E. 21st St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Richmond County Dental Assistants Society begins its Extension Study Course in October and President Anna Schiele urges all interested girls to contact Iris Poller, Publicity Chairman, 76 Beach St., Staten Island or Josephine Fiore, 26 Maple Terrace, Staten Island, N. Y.

The September meeting of the Elmira Dental Assistants Society brings election and installation of new officers.

The Buffalo Dental Assistants Society opens its fall program with a meeting in the Auditorium of the Williams Gold Refining Co. President Bernice Clark will preside.

The Nassau County Dental Assistants Society opens its fall meetings in Rockville Centre and President Betty Belzar is sponsoring a big membership drive as its first project.

The Suffolk County Dental Assistants Society, New York's newest society, opens its fall meetings September 12 at the Huntington Y.M.C.A. with honored guest Eldora Moore, State Past President.

Gladys A. Stone, Reporter for the First District Dental Assistants Society, Inc., reports on the final meeting of the summer season when election of officers was held in the Staeter Hotel. This group opens its fall programs with a meeting in October when the names of the graduates of the fifth Extension Course will be announced. This society has already started its sixth Extension Course and all dental assistants interested in taking the course are urged to contact Eldora Moore.

### *News from New Jersey*

Margaret Volpe is the energetic Publicity Chairman for New Jersey and reports on the June meeting of the Executive Board of the New Jersey State Dental Assistants Association when plans for the opening of the fall season



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Left to Right: Donna Snider, Corresponding Secretary; Louise Stonebraker, Recording Secretary; Ramona L. Amon, President; Dolores Happle, Vice President and Dorothy Zarley, Treasurer.

were completed. Specifically, the September meeting will be a dinner at the Hotel Essex House, Newark, N. J., honoring National President Ruth Doring. Plans were completed for the mid-winter meeting to be held in November and acceptances written to several groups asking for clinics for their meetings.

The Essex County Dental Assistants Society completed its summer season with a planning session when plans for fall programs and clinics were completed. President Corinne Kernes presented an inspiring talk at this meeting.

The Monmouth County Dental Assistants Society adjourned for the summer following its annual dinner at Peterson's Restaurant, Red Bank, N. J. Louise LePore was in charge of this interesting and stimulating affair. Honored guests included Irma Adams, State President; Corinne Kernes, State Vice-President; Florence Smith, State Public Relations Chairman, and Mrs. Charles Fairchild, State Education Chairman.

### THIRD DISTRICT

#### *News from Ohio*

The Stark County Dental Assistants Society held its annual banquet in June at the St. Francis Hotel, Canton, Ohio, with members of the Akron Dental Assistants Society as honored

guests. Distinguished guests included Lillian Hoffman, Immediate Past President of ADAA, Laura Armanini and Kay Buckmaster, First Vice President and Secretary respectively of Ohio State Dental Assistants Association, Isabel Woodward and Frances Peck, Life Members of ADAA, and Anna Mae Webber, President of the Akron Society. Stark County President Jerry Bender extended a warm welcome to the guests. Alberta Reed, Program Chairman, introduced the guest speaker, Dr. A. Arnold Kippen, director of the psychiatric department of Aultman Hospital, Canton, who presented a splendid talk on his work in the field of psychiatry and neurology. Dr. Kippen is an assistant professor at Kent State University and a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. Stark County member Kathy Evans and guest Joanne Urdea presented two-piano selections as part of the program. The Stark County members begin their fifth Certification Class in September under the supervision of Beverly Gallon, Education Chairman. The annual picnic of this group was held in August at Arboratum Park, Canton, with "Let's Get Acquainted!" as its theme. The first fall meeting of this society will be held in September when "Do-It-Yourself" methods take over.

The Keely Dental Assistants Society has a new and enthusiastic Publicity Chairman in

the person of Frances Young. She reports the September meeting of this society was held in the YWCA, Hamilton, Ohio. Following the regular business meeting, Dr. Stanley K. Norman presented a lecture on "Hypnosis in the Dental Office." The meeting closed with two excellent clinics, one entitled "Care of Dental Office and Equipment" by Anne Arkill and the other entitled "Terminology" by Leona Oglesby. The October meeting will be held in Oxford, Ohio, when Dorothy Zimmerman will review the book "Practice Management Course." This will be followed by two clinics, namely "X-Ray Techniques" by Bunny Gambrill and "Assistance in Root Canal Therapy" by Frances Young.

Eula Forgatsch, State Publicity Chairman, wrote of the annual picnic held by the North Central Dental Assistants Society at Hedges-Boyer Park, Tiffin, Ohio, in July. The officers of the society were hostesses on this occasion and invitations were sent to all dental assistants who attended the "Get Acquainted Tea" held in May which resulted in a splendid attendance at the picnic.

Ohio State President Ruth Waldock attended the June meeting of the Toledo Dental Assistants Society held in Toledo, Ohio.

The Akron Dental Assistants Society held its Annual Breakfast in June at Goodyear Heights Metropolitan Park. August was the time for the annual picnic. This group continues its welfare project of a monthly visit to the Summit County Receiving Hospital to conduct games and provide refreshments for the patients. September will bring the beginning of its sixth Certification Class.

#### *News from Pennsylvania*

A recent meeting of the Lehigh Valley Dental Assistants Society presented guest speaker, Mr. Charles Nutting of the DuPont Company, who presented an illustrated talk on the manufacture, processing and developing of X-ray film. Election of new officers followed.

The Harrisburg Dental Assistants Society announces the completion of its Certification Course with 11 girls taking the examination. At a recent meeting, this group held its annual banquet with Dr. A. J. McKechnie, Jr., serving as toastmaster. Following dinner, the ever-impressive candlelight service for the installation of officers was conducted by Betty O. Bell, Pennsylvania State President, Rose K. Donohue, State Treasurer, and Retta Amatucci, Past State President.

#### *News from the District of Columbia*

The District of Columbia Dental Assistants Society has carried out several successful fund-raising activities including conducted tours to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to the Capitol and the sale of white hose. A recent meeting of this group featured the election of officers. While balloting progressed, short

biographies of the members were read and games involving dental knowledge were played. The following meeting was the scene of the annual Installation Dinner Dance held at Hunting Towers, Alexandria, Virginia.

#### *News from Maryland*

The Baltimore City Dental Assistants Society's Study Course members gave a dinner honoring their instructors and the members of the Education Committee at the Kingsville Inn in June. An Outdoor Social was held in July at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Kozubski. "Relax and get acquainted" was the theme of this meeting.

### FOURTH DISTRICT

#### *News from Louisiana*

The Shreveport Dental Assistants Society has been busy with educational lectures at its regular meetings. They included guest speaker, Dr. Walter Leabo with his enlightening talk on "Periodontal Disease," Dr. Walter Colquitt with his illustrated lecture on "Endodontia" and Dr. John Scales with his movie entitled "Louisiana." Plans for a capping ceremony for the graduates of the certification course are under way.

The Baton Rouge Dental Assistants Society held election of officers at its last meeting. The beautiful candlelight service for the installation of officers followed. This meeting ended with a delightful buffet supper. Honored guests included Betty Meyer, State President, Edna Johnson, State First Vice President, and Sue Williamson, Second Vice President of State.

The New Orleans Dental Assistants Society played hostess when the Annual Meeting was held in New Orleans at the Roosevelt Hotel. President Edna Perez served as gracious hostess in the Official Suite for the reception honoring the newly elected officers. This meeting closed with a lovely dinner-dance honoring President Edna Perez. The New Orleans group will open its fall season with a wiener roast in September.

#### *News from Alabama*

Alabama is a busy place these days, dental-assistant wise, and we have fine reports of its activities thanks to Lorraine Glausier, State Public Relations Chairman, and Grace Brownling, First Vice President of the Birmingham society. The Montgomery Dental Assistants Society held an interesting meeting in the office of Dr. M. D. Edwards who presented his splendid clinic on "My Procedure in Placing Orthodontic Appliances." His audience was amazed at the visible results achieved as illustrated by his models and slides. The Montgomery group is putting on a concerted drive at present to increase membership.

The Birmingham Dental Assistants Society

enjoyed a record attendance at its meeting when Dr. A. M. Sellers spoke on the laws of Alabama as they apply to the dental profession. At this same meeting, a new idea in program presentation was instituted when three members of the society were asked to speak for five minutes each on a subject relating to dental assisting. The speakers at this meeting were Earline Ware, Margaret McKay and Iva Underwood. The July meeting of this group heard guest speaker Dr. George Graham, Instructor at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, lecture on "Endodontia." Member speakers at this meeting were Betty Sandlin speaking on "The Role of Dentistry and Dental Assistants in Civil Defense," Abbie Pryor spoke on "Interesting Material Found in Advertisements; The Wernet's Dental Lore, etc." and suggested the girls read Dr. H. R. Raper's article in the June Dental Survey on "Critical Analysis of the Three Radiodontic Techniques." Grace Browning suggested additional educational reading in the first three articles published in the April issue of the *American Dental Journal*. Plans are under way in this society for the presentation of a class in First Aid. The August meeting took the form of a panel discussion of "Care of the Dental Office and Dental Equipment." Members taking part in this program included Glennie Brodrick with "Dark Room," Yvonne Brumbach with "Reception Room," Jennie McBride with "Instruments and Burs," Jean Pope with "Sterilizers and Autoclaves," June Powers with "Units and Chairs" and Vallie Stewart with "Handpieces."

The Mobile Dental Assistants Society held its second Annual Bosses Night in June when the girls entertained the doctors at a lovely banquet. Following dinner, guest speaker Dr. H. D. Newburn spoke on "What I Expect From My Dental Assistant" and Betty Pugh replied with "What I Expect From My Employer." The Educational Committee of this society has met with officials of the local school board for the purpose of securing permission and cooperation in presenting instructive talks to school children on various subjects in the field of dentistry. Mobile has a Certification Course under way with 21 members enrolled.

The Fifth District Dental Assistants Society met in Chilدرسburg when guest speaker Dr. T. B. Wilkins presented his talk and films on "Dental Assistants and Their Effective Utilization" and "Introduction to Complete Exodontia." The latter film illustrated graphically the use of elevators in removing teeth and fractured root tips and the assistant's role in such procedures. The following meeting of this group presented two papers prepared by members Jessie Mae Daniels with "Qualifications of the Dental Assistant" and Hazel Wilson with "Qualifications of the Officers."

The Dothan Dental Assistants Society an-

nounces its Extension Study Course is under way with 21 members enrolled. Dr. Dupree Davis is instructor at present and has been instrumental in lining up future instructors for this course. Congratulations are in order for all these girls and especially for Betty Adkins, Carolyn Cook and Ouida Walden who are Dothan's newest hygienists! The June meeting of this active group presented Mrs. Jewel Thrasher, R.N., with her fine lecture on "Keeping Physically Fit."

#### *News from Florida*

That "character" Betty Macy (as she terms herself) is back with "Miami Mutterings," the account of the activities of the Miami District Dental Assistants Society. The May meeting brought reports on the State Meeting held in Jacksonville followed by a provocative lecture entitled "Anticipated Allergic Reactions to Local Anesthetics" by Dr. Hollis Garrad. His lecture was informative and provided food for thought in dealing with the unexpected. Later in June the regular business meeting took the form of a swim-dinner-meeting at the Robert Clay Hotel Pool and Cabanas.

A warm welcome to the new Reporter for the Tampa Dental Assistants Society. She is Josephine Valles and reports on the lovely meeting in June honoring the members of this society who successfully passed their Certification Examination. They were Gloria Castro, Dee Grant, Polly Phillips, Mae Simmons, Edith Wilhelm, Kay Zambito and Josephine Valles. The impressive capping ceremony was held in the L. M. Anderson Auditorium, Tampa, Fla., when Dr. Harold Brown, President-elect of the Florida State Dental Society, brought greetings, Father F. Kennedy presented the invocation and Dr. Guy Toph, Dr. Leon Schwartz and Dr. Alfred Cuervo capped the girls.

#### FIFTH DISTRICT

#### *News from West Virginia*

The eighth Annual Meeting of the West Virginia State Dental Assistants Association was held in July at the Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Its theme "Be Concerned" was well illustrated by the care and thought which went into the planning and execution of its educational and social program for this meeting. Introduction of distinguished guests was charmingly performed by Peggy LaLance, Program Chairman, the address of welcome presented by Dr. Charles R. Singleton, Vice President of the West Virginia State Dental Society, response by Bernice Turley and the President's Annual Message, "The Highways We Travel" by President Olive Steinbeck. Other educational opportunities offered later that day included "Past History of the Dental Assistant" by Jone Roberts of Memphis, "Looking Into the Fu-



#### GEORGIA DENTAL ASSISTANTS' SILVER ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Standing: L. to R.: Marie S. Shaw; Pauline Collins, Virginia Collins, Clara Herndon; Hariette Stone; Laurie Milligan; Dr. Roy Shaw; Mary Frances Dutton; Mabel Knight; Katie McConnell. Seated: L. to R.; Kathryn Holly, Evelyn Rogers.

ture" by Dr. Leon Moses of Charleston, "By Education We Progress" by Irene Tobin of Huntington and "What the Profession Expects of the Assistant" by Dr. J. B. Chetwin of Huntington. Monday evening brought a lovely Open House in the Official Suite honoring Ione Roberts, Fifth District Trustee. Tuesday was a busy day beginning with the President's Brunch followed by the third session of the House of Delegates when nominations and election of new officers was completed. The noon recess found guest speaker Dr. Russell Todd, President of the American Dental Examiners, presented his stimulating talk on "Professional Ethics." This was followed by the candlelight ceremony for the installation of new officers. Ione Roberts, ADAA Fifth District Trustee, served as Installing Officer and Mary Lowery, Honorary Member from Charleston, served as Conducting Officer. Presentation of the Mary H. Lowery Attendance Trophy was made at this meeting. Later that day, a joint session with the West Virginia State Dental Society presented the ever-popular clinics and posters. Clinicians participating in this portion of the program were Dorothy Oldham of Charleston with "Dental Assistants Role in Taking Impressions (Hydrocolloid) With the Use of a Conditioner" and Jean

Browning of Huntington with "The Child Patient." The poster exhibit included the work of Rita Spaniol of Charleston with "Good Teeth and a Healthy Mouth," Bernice Turley of Huntington with "Qualified" and Mary Berolatti and Ruth Deatrich of Morgantown with "Good Dental Health." Trophies for these events were presented to the winners by Dr. R. H. Davis, President of the West Virginia State Dental Society at the Annual Banquet on Tuesday evening.

#### News from Tennessee

Geneva Few, Third Vice President of the Tennessee State Dental Assistants Association, reports enthusiastically on the 26th Annual Meeting of this association. A well-rounded program of scientific lectures, informative clinics, papers and posters and delightful social affairs rewarded all who attended this successful meeting. An impressive candlelight ceremony was presided over by Ione Roberts, Fifth District Trustee, as Installing Officer and Agnes Beeler as Conducting Officer.

The Nashville Dental Assistants Society announces with pride that 14 of its members, graduates of its first Certification Course, took the Certification Examination in June. Serving on the Examining Board were Dr. J. Vaughn,

Jr., Dr. Edward H. Martin, Dr. Elmore Hill, Dr. Charles W. Ingram, Dr. Walter W. Whiley and Agnes Beeler, Tennessee State Certification Examination Chairman. The annual picnic of this group was held in the patio of Chris Graves' home and was the final activity for the summer season.

#### SIXTH DISTRICT

##### *News from Wisconsin*

Hurrah and hallelujah! News from Wisconsin!! The new Publicity Chairman in this area is Mary Kainer and we welcome her into our "family." She begins her report with a splendid account of the Annual Spring Meeting of the Wisconsin State Dental Assistants Association held in the Auditorium and the Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The meeting opened with the usual business meeting at which time the newly-completed By-Laws were

presented to the membership. The presentation of a cash prize to the Southern Wisconsin Dental Assistants Society in the Membership Contest followed. A "Get Acquainted Hour" with the Milwaukee County Dental Assistants Society as gracious hostess provided the opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. This busy day closed with a lovely capping ceremony when the following girls received their caps and certificates; Marilyn Diedrich, Kathleen Klaesing, Audrey Kneick, Etta Sullivan, Patricia Tolzmann, Ollie Schultz, Mary May, Joyce Kraft and Sandra Mochalski. The second day brought the Delegate Report of the National Meeting by Nancy Seitz, the Sixth District Report by Eugenia Uttech, Sixth District Trustee, and an essay entitled "Oral Surgery of the Tubercular Patient" by Marie Kehr. The installation of officers followed with Marie Johnson as Installing Officer and

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Eugenia as Conducting Officer in charge of the candlelight service. The Achievement Award was presented at this time to Faye Moths. The afternoon session brought the stimulating lecture entitled "Happiness and Success of the Dental Team" presented by Dr. David Hoffman of Milwaukee. The Annual Banquet and Auction was the high spot of the social activities at which time Dr. Iver Johnson of Milwaukee served as the able Master of Ceremonies. The climax of the evening came when "This Is Your Life" written and arranged by versatile Marie Johnson surprised everyone, including its subject, Eugenia Uttech, Sixth District Trustee, when her family, friends and employer gathered to help her relive her full and interesting life. The closing day of this fine meeting presented Dr. Hallis A. Ashey of Lincoln, Nebraska, with his provocative lecture entitled "The Dentist Takes a Look at Himself" followed by the popular table clinics and poster. Clinicians participating were Kathleen Klaesing with "Office Management," Mary May with "Patient Education," Audrey Kneick with "Tray Setup," Mary Jane Neuman with "The Dark Room," Etta Sullivan with "Inlay Investing," Virginia Singer with "Preventive Orthodontic Space Maintainers," Gertrude Heine with "Immediate Denture and Tooth Repair" and Marion Podjaska and Sandra Mochalski with "Bridge and Denture Preparation." The poster entry was made by Dolores Ehr of Oconomowas, Wis. All the clinicians were from Milwaukee.

We extend hearty congratulations and best wishes for the future to Wisconsin's newest society, The Rock County Dental Assistants and Hygienists Society. An installation service for its officers was held in the home of its President, Dorothy Case, at which time gratitude and appreciation of all the girls was expressed to Mrs. Huggins, Councilor to the Rockford, Ill., assistants, for her generous and wise help in organizing this society. The June meeting of this society was a Doctors and Assistants Dinner held at the Wagon Wheel. Dr. Robert Karraker of Janesville, Wis., was guest speaker and presented a running commentary and colored slides of Japan where he was stationed as a dental officer for three years.

The final meeting for the summer of the Green Bay Dental Assistants Society took the form of a Dinner-Business Meeting instead of the traditional picnic. Frances Witcralek is the Publicity Chairman for this society.

The Southern Wisconsin Dental Assistants Society closed its summer season with a Dinner Meeting in June at the Spanish Cafe, Madison, Wis. Guest speaker of the evening was Mr. Gaarder who presented his informative lecture on "Office Management." In September, this group will hear Mr. E. Nees of the Credit Bureau of Madison speaking on "Credit Management."

The Milwaukee County Dental Assistants Society adjourned until September with the annual Bosses Night, with Disc Jockey John Michels as the amusing Master of Ceremonies, at Aliotos, and the election of officers and Installation Banquet at the Bell Club.

#### News from Illinois

The Rockford Dental Assistants Society is at it again. The September meeting presented the film "School Education," a subject dear to the hearts of its members, shown by Program Chairman Mable Carlson. Following the film, Mrs. Moody, State Nutrition Consultant, spoke on "Diet and Nutrition." President Jan Axelson is sponsoring a membership drive in this society which now boasts 50 members.

The September meeting of the Western Illinois Dental Assistants Society took the form of a journey to Soanagetha Lodge at Lake Rice where Dr. Don Thompson of the Galesburg Research Hospital spoke on "Gerontology."

The Chicago Dental Assistants Society, under the able leadership of President Dorothy Sutton, announces plans for the beginning of a new Extension Study Course in September. Jeanne Ostermeier of Chicago, State Education Chairman, assisted by Co-chairman Gladys Triphahn, has the commendable goal of all 12 component societies of Illinois engaged in Extension Study Courses beginning this fall.

The McLean County Dental Assistants Society continued its regular meetings throughout the summer, one of which was a planning session with Dr. J. H. Vessell who spoke on "The Importance of Certification" and volunteered to organize this society's first Certification Course. Honored guest at this meeting was Mrs. Nan Lebow, wife of Dr. Lebow, Bloomington, who presented a gift of appreciation to Immediate Past President Maureen Wheeler for her untiring efforts on behalf of the McLean County society.

The Quincy Dental Assistants Society held a beautiful candlelight service for the installation of its new officers in September. Guest speaker at this meeting was Dr. R. W. Leavitt who brought a timely lecture, illustrated by a film, on "Cancer of the Mouth."

The Eastern Illinois Dental Assistants Society held its September meeting with the members of the Eastern Illinois Dental Society as honored guests. The program for this meeting was arranged by Mr. Harold Warner of the Rovane Dental Supply Co. who presented Mr. Robert Fine demonstrating the Kerr Imperator and Mr. Leonard Kathera demonstrating the Janau Therm-Ex-Spray.

The September meeting of the Rock Island Dental Assistant Society brought an extremely interesting and provocative report from President Beverly Gregory who spent her vacation in Europe this summer. She visited many dental offices there and brought back a wealth of observations and comparisons to share with

her associates. Dr. Kenneth Johnson, Dr. Scott Blair and Dr. H. E. Van DeVoorde, Advisors for this society, were honored guests at this meeting.

Believing in the old adage that "All work and no play" was not only bad for Jack but for dental assistant, The Fox River Valley Dental Assistants Society planned its September meeting to include dinner at Shady Lane, Marengo, Ill., followed by installation of its new officers and en masse attendance of the play "The King of Hearts." Prospective members attending this meeting found it a pleasant way to get acquainted.

The Peoria Dental Assistants Society had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Bill Bergstrom of Peoria, an advertising executive and student of the Dale Carnegie Course, speak on the benefits and advantages to be derived from participation in this course. The October meeting will take the form of a field trip when President Janet Lindenberg takes the members on a tour of the Northwestern University Dental School at the invitation of Dean Dr. George Teucher.

Our congratulations are in order for the Illinois State Dental Assistants Association first because of the fine doctors now serving as its Advisors, namely, Dr. W. Winter of Decatur, Dr. Robert C. Anderson of Rockford and Dr. Joseph Zieliński of Chicago, and second because of the fine editorial page appearing in the *Illinois Dental Journal* each month, describing the aims, activities and accomplishments of the dental assistants association, as prepared by State President Margaret Crosby of Springfield. If you will allow a personal note, your Editor wishes to express belated but sincere words of appreciation and gratitude to Janet Lindenberg for her inspiring article "My Blessing—Not My Doom." We would suggest that all dental assistants read it not only with their eyes but, more important, with their hearts.

#### SEVENTH DISTRICT

##### *News from South Dakota*

Cheri Bailey, State Publicity Chairman, sends a detailed and interesting report on the 25th Annual Meeting of the South Dakota Dental Assistants Association held in the Civic Auditorium, Aberdeen, S. Dak. Following registration and Executive Board Meeting at the Alonzo Ward Hotel, the Aberdeen Dental Assistants Society entertained with a lovely banquet in the Mexican Room of the Sherman Hotel. "Twenty-Fifth Anniversary" was the theme of the evening and honored guests included LaVeta Lehn, Seventh District Trustee, Harriett Darling, ADAA Treasurer, and Yvonne Mortenson, State President. In keeping with the theme, Merle Andrews read short biographies of past presidents and Harriett Darling presented nostalgic reminiscences of

past experiences and events. The first business session opened under the gavel of President Yvonne Mortenson with greetings from Harriett Darling, trustee's message by LaVeta Lehn, and greetings from Dr. Stockstad, President of the South Dakota Dental Association. Table clinics presented by Carol Capen, Audrey Javurek, Joyce Dupraz, Ann Schmidt and Wanda Horrell were a popular feature of this meeting. First award went to Wanda Horrell for her clinic on "Hydrocolloids" and second award went to Carol Capen for her clinic entitled "Cold Cures." Wanda Horrell will present her clinic at the National Meeting in San Francisco in October. The final business session included the delegates' report on the National Meeting in Miami given by Yvonne Mortenson and Ione Powell, a film showing the highlights of that convention and an essay entitled "Effort" written by Evalyn Wodehouse of Sioux Falls and read by Joyce Dupraz. This final session adjourned after the nomination, election and installation of new officers. The Installation Luncheon was held in the Capitol Cafe with LaVeta Lehn and Harriett Darling in charge of the lovely installation service. Ann Schmidt presented the Harriett Darling Achievement Award to Yvonne Mortenson for her outstanding contribution of service to the association and Ione Powell presented the Ione Powell Clinic Trophy to Wanda Horrell, the winning clinician. Again, the Aberdeen girls were gracious hostesses at this luncheon and the State Association extends its deep appreciation to these girls for their fine hospitality and splendid efforts in making this annual meeting a complete success.

##### *News from Minnesota*

The Minneapolis Dental Assistants Society closed its summer season with the election of new officers and extends its congratulations, with ours, to Bernice Crandall for winning the Minneapolis Achievement Trophy.

Likewise, the St. Paul District Dental Assistants Society and the West Central District Dental Assistants Society adjourned for the summer with the election of new officers.

The Minnesota State Dental Hygienists and Assistants Association held its annual meeting and presented an outstanding program of educational lectures, clinics and posters. Minnesota has a new Clinic Trophy, given by Dr. Burns of Hutchinson in honor of Ann Braun, his assistant for the past 45 years. Luella Mathiasen of St. Cloud was the proud winner of first place and the trophy with her clinic entitled "Teamwork." Second place award went to Maureen Kaufman of St. Paul and third place award to Mary Lens of Paynesville. The winning poster award went to Ruth Asp of Minneapolis with second place award to

Betty Hinnenkamp of St. Cloud and third place award to Pat Fitzgerald of Minneapolis. The Membership Trophy was awarded Delilah Corbul of Renville and congratulations are in order for Marge Mondlock, the first dental assistant in St. Claud to receive her cap and certificate.

#### *News from Iowa*

The 37th Annual Meeting of the Iowa State Dental Assistants Association was held in Des Moines, Iowa, with a splendid registration. A Certification Examination was held under the supervision of the State Educational Committee with Dr. Joseph L. Sullivan, Dr. Eugene M. McCormick and Dr. Dean D. Darby serving on the Board of Examiners. The examination was held in the Chauncey Lamb Laboratory. Election of new officers was an early task at this meeting followed by a 4-hour study course on "Dental Office Administration and the Dental Aspects of Human Relations" as presented by Miss Archanna Morrison. The Iowa girls are grateful to the Districts of the Iowa Dental Society who made it possible for Miss Morrison to present her study course. Dr. Maury Massler of Chicago, Ill., presented his interesting lecture entitled "The Dental Assistant in a Pedontic Practice" and Mr. E. L. Pavel gave an instructive talk on "Personal Public Relations." The State Association expresses appreciation to its Advisory Board for its understanding, guidance and encouragement and to all members of the Iowa Dental Society for their interest and loyal support of dental assistants' activities. Bessie Peterson, ADAA President-Elect, and Oriett Clark, State Certification Chairman, conducted an impressive ceremony when 6 girls received their caps and certificates. The Mason City District Dental Assistants' Society won the Achievement Trophy for her out-increase in membership. Anzanetta Lindsay won the Tchievement Trophy for her outstanding work in the association for the 3rd consecutive year and so it is her trophy permanently. Mrs. Ellen Chinnow of Des Moines was presented a corsage in recognition of her 33 years of service as a dental assistant. DeLores Herzog of Mason City won the trophy for the best poster. First clinic trophy was awarded Gayle Horton of Sioux City and second clinic trophy was awarded Grace Krohn of Atlantic. Words of appreciation also are due the Local Arrangements Committee, Alberta Houser, Lula Smyth and Marvis Sanders and the members of the Des Moines Dental Assistants Society for the splendid work they contributed to the success of the meeting. Plans are now under way to charter a bus to travel from Omaha, Nebr., to San Francisco for the National Meeting in October so Iowa issues the call "Come on, Iowa, fill the bus and be there when our Bessie Peterson is installed as President of the ADAA!"

The Cedar Rapids Dental Assistants Society adjourned for the summer with the election and installation of its new officers in a pretty ceremony with roses and candles.

The Dubuque Dental Assistants Society ended its summer season with a dinner meeting at the Club Chateau at which time its members viewed two films, one entitled "The National Meeting in Miami, Fla., and the other "Cancer of the Mouth." Dr. C. O. Nester was in charge of this program.

#### *News from Nebraska*

At the final meeting of the summer for the West Nebraska Dental Assistants Society held in the home of Wanda Conger in Mitchell, election and installation of new officers was the order of business. The impressive installation service was conducted by Thelma Brecky. Fall meetings for this group begin in September with the beginning of the Certification Course and preparations for the table clinics to be presented in Sydney. Joyce Blythe is the faithful reporter and Secretary for this society.

### EIGHTH DISTRICT

#### *News from Kansas*

With reminiscences and memories of the Bi-State Meeting held in Kansas City, Mo., still fresh, announcement is made of the clinic and poster awards given at that meeting. On posters, the first place award went to the Hutchinson Dental Assistants Study Club, for its poster entitled "Educating the Patient," second place award to Judy Raymond for "A Perfect Team" and third place award to Melva Moden for "Dental Assisting—Job or Profession?" The first clinic award went to Leona Modl and Suzan Kohoruda for their clinic entitled "Sugar," the second place award to Audrey Byington for "Time Savers" and the third place award to Louise Dixon for "Identification Markers for Instruments" and "Touch Ups."

The Topeka Dental Assistants Society concluded its summer programs with the election and installation of its new officers. In the installation service, with Blanch Johanning presiding at the Table of Friendship, red roses were presented the new officers in memory of Founder Juliette Southard. At this meeting, Emma Meyer read her Delegate's Report of the Bi-State Meeting held in Kansas City, Mo.

The Kansas City, Kansas, Dental Assistants Society held its annual breakfast at the Town House Hotel, Kansas City, Kansas, in June. Following the regular meeting, installation of new members was held with Louise Dixon serving as Installing Officer and Mildred Kraft as Conducting Officer. New girls welcomed into membership included Elaine Beasley, Norma Fogelsong, Alda Burris, Zada Zillner, Susan Kokoruda and Joyce Hammons. This so-

society is intensely proud of its members Susan Kokoruda, LeOna Madl, Audrey Byington and Louise who walked off with all the clinic honors at the Bi-State Meeting. And the Achievement Trophy for the Kansas State Dental Hygienists Association was won by member Mildred Clark.

Hutchinson Dental Assistants Study Club is popping its buttons over winning first place in the poster competition and expresses thanks to Elaine Tullis who made the poster, and congratulations to Aileen Kottal for winning the Achievement Trophy.

Mrs. R. R. Miller, President of the State Auxiliary Association, expresses gratitude to the dental assistants who have helped in the gathering of scrap silver for the Silver Lining Fund. This fund grew another \$1,200.00 this year.

Congratulations also are in order for Marcella Wasell, Marvel Zeiset and Bonnie Bailey who are now certified dental assistants.

#### *News from Missouri*

Roena Bellmard, Editor of the Missouri State Journal, comments with pride on the girls who took the Certification Examination at the Bi-State meeting. Members of the Kansas City Missouri Dental Assistants Society who sat for this examination were Darlene Rohr, Jolean Francis, Vonnell Taylor, Mae Smith, Florence Trapp, Betty Judy and Audrey Hill. Words of appreciation and gratitude are due Education Chairman Betty Ann Patrick and Instructor Dr. E. O. Gerster for the fine job they have done. Posters shown at the meeting were made by Faye Wood and Wanda Rapier. Clinics were presented by Jolean Francis and Darlene Rohr.

Missouri's two "baby" societies closed their summer activities with the election and installation of new officers. Our best wishes for a successful year go to these societies, Joplin Dental Assistants Society and Columbia Dental Assistants Society.

#### **NINTH DISTRICT**

##### *News from Oregon*

June Stoudgeon, Director for the Portland District Dental Assistants Society, reports on a recent meeting of this group when guest speaker Dr. William D. Westcott, Director of Oral Tumor Registry at the University of Oregon Dental School, presented two films. One was titled "Self-Examination" dealing with breast cancer and the other was "Oral Cancer." This group closed its summer activities with its annual banquet when election, installation of officers and an impressive cappin ceremony for 8 certified dental assistants was held. Honored guest at this meeting was Lois Kryger, 9th District Trustee, who brought a message to the group and conducted the installation service.

#### **TENTH DISTRICT**

##### *News from Texas*

We welcome Marjorie A. Davis, new State Reporter for the big state of Texas, into our "family." All Texas dental societies extend a warm welcome to Waco, San Angelo and 17th District, newest societies in the state organization.

The June meeting of the Houston District Dental Assistants Society was a dinner meeting at Sorrento's followed by an interesting guest speaker. Dr. Robert F. Echols introduced guest Dr. Jack Tractir who spoke on "Hypnosis" and its practical use in a dental office.

Although the "meat" and color of the exciting 15th Annual Meeting of the Texas State Dental Association held in San Antonio has been reported, additional information in which we thought you would be interested has come to our desk. For instance, the educational lectures proffered at this meeting included Dr. L. Vander Hamm of Fort Worth who spoke on the importance of good x-rays, the reasons for failures to get them and many suggestions for correcting this situation. Mr. R. A. Horner of the San Antonio Telephone Co. spoke on the importance of good public relations and ended with the telling remark that "anything worth doing is worth doing pleasantly." Two excellent lectures included "General Asepsis in Local Anesthesia," by Dr. Ralph Stuckey of New York City and "Oral Surgery" by Dr. John Helton of San Antonio. Last but not least was a topic providing food for thought for all dental assistants, "Harmony," presented by Lillian McNutt. The final event of this meeting was the candlelight service for the installation of officers as presented by ADAA President Ruth Doring as Installing Officer and ADAA 10th District Trustee as Conducting Officer.

The San Antonio Dental Assistants Society held an impressive ceremony in the South Terrace of the Gunter Hotel when 8 of its members received their coveted caps and certificates. Dorothy Faulk, Texas State President, conducted this service and capped the girls. Congratulations and good luck to each of you! This society's second annual clinic night was held at this meeting with 10 members competing for the E. J. Duffin and the Jahn Dental trophies.

Olga Ripple, Reporter for the San Angelo District Dental Assistants Society, reports on the final session of this society for the summer. At this meeting, Marjorie Moore presented her report on the Texas State Dental Assistants Association Convention in San Antonio which she attended. Eight active girls constitute the membership of this society as of now. September will bring the beginning of the Extension Study Course for its members.

#### *News from Arizona*

Helen Hutton is the fine Reporter for the Phoenix District Dental Assistants Society. She reports this group recessed for the summer following the election and installation of its new members at a pot-luck dinner held at the home of State President Billie Ruth Noack. The fall sessions opened in September with the Juliette Southard Birthday Party at which time the doctors and their wives were honored guests. Guest speaker at this meeting was Judge Lorna Lockwood speaking on "Juvenile Delinquency."

#### *News from Colorado*

News from this growing area in the field of dental assisting comes from Loma Meeds, State Secretary-Treasurer, reports on the first meeting of the Pueblo Dental Assistants Society when, after organization was completed, election of officers was held. State President Virginia Norton as Installing Officer and Loma Meeds as Conducting Officer, were on hand to present the installation service and congratulate this new society. Colorado State now boasts 5 component societies.

The Colorado Springs Dental Assistants Society held its "Bosses Night" in June with a dinner meeting at the El Paso Club. A lovely capping ceremony followed dinner with Dr. Earl Zimmer presenting caps and certificates to Elta Selzer, Esther Wallace, Virginia Freymuth, Betty McCandless, Julia Marshall, Cleo

Bresse, Violet Horning and Louise Potter. Guest speaker at this meeting was Dr. W. L. Crawford who presented his colorful slides illustrating his recent trip to the Islands of Hawaii.

#### ELEVENTH DISTRICT

#### *News from California*

The San Gabriel Valley Dental Assistants Society has recessed for the summer, concluding its program of educational features which included Dr. E. M. Rowe with "The Importance of Certification," G. Sharp, M. D., and J. W. Hazlett, D. D. S., with "Problems of Cancer in the Oral Cavity," M. F. Dryden, D. D. S., and G. V. Webster, M. D., with "Cleft Palate Reconstruction," Dr. P. H. Hamilton with "The Metal Implant to Stabilize a Denture," and Marsh Robinson, M. D., D. D. S., with "Oral Surgery and the Dental Assistant." This group proudly announces that 18 members successfully sat for the Certification Examination. And it celebrated its 25th Anniversary this year with Past Presidents as honored guests. The final meeting of the summer in June featured the traditional candlelight ceremony for the installation of new officers. This service was conducted by Magdalene Kulstad, ADAA 2nd Vice President, Mary Joyce Peters, Southern California State President, and Betty Uhls, Southern California Jr. Past President.

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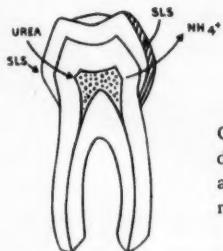
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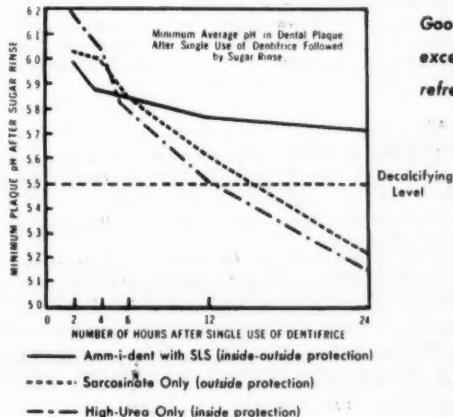
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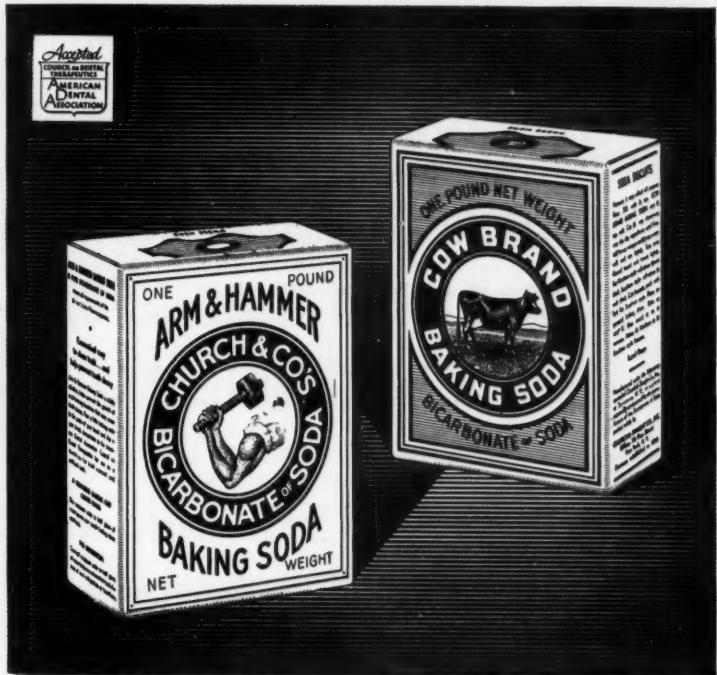
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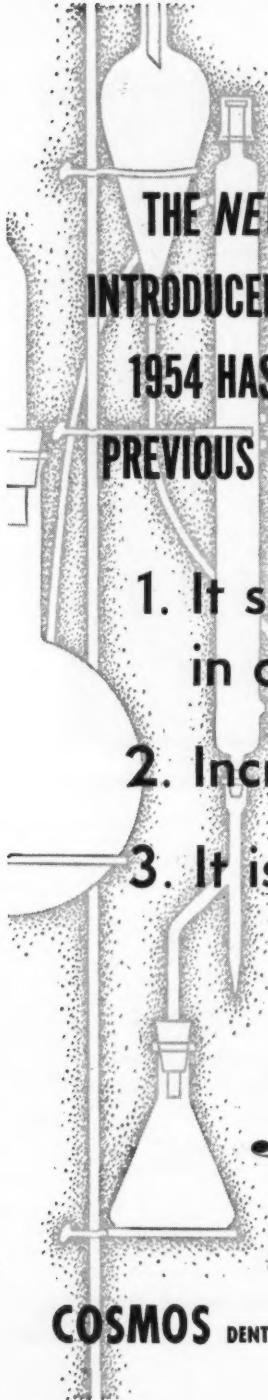


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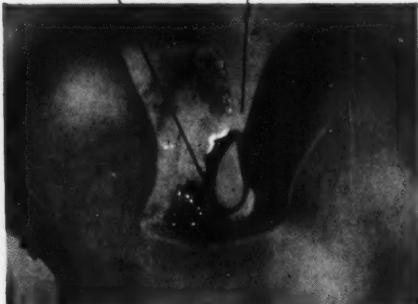
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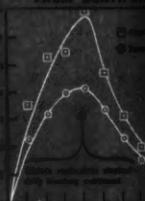
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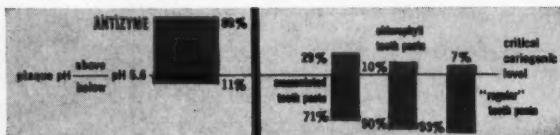


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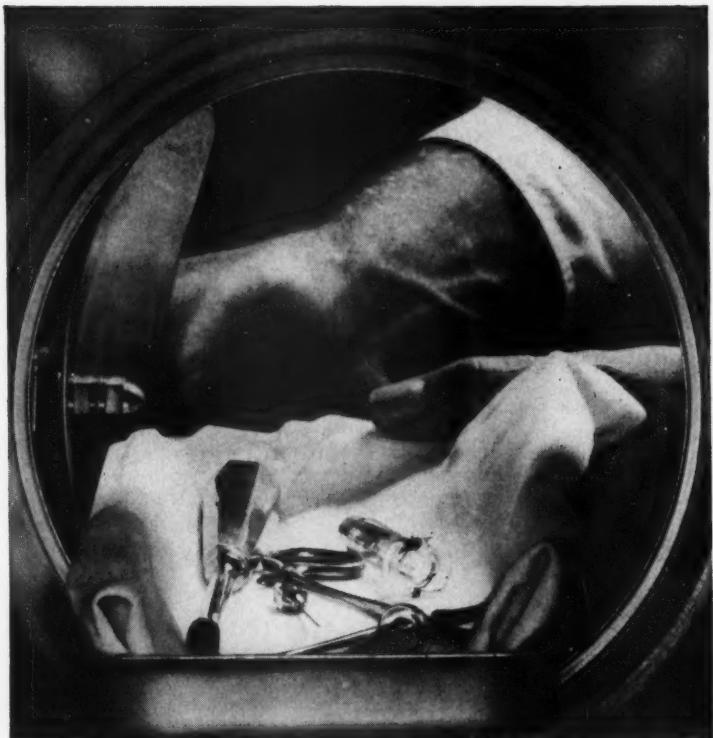
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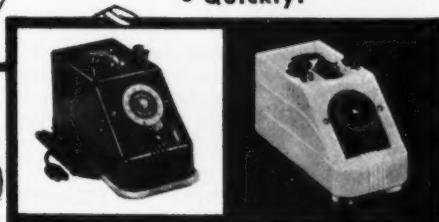
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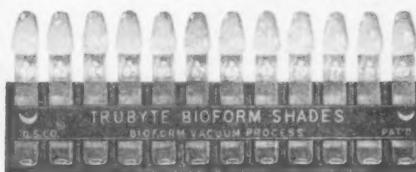
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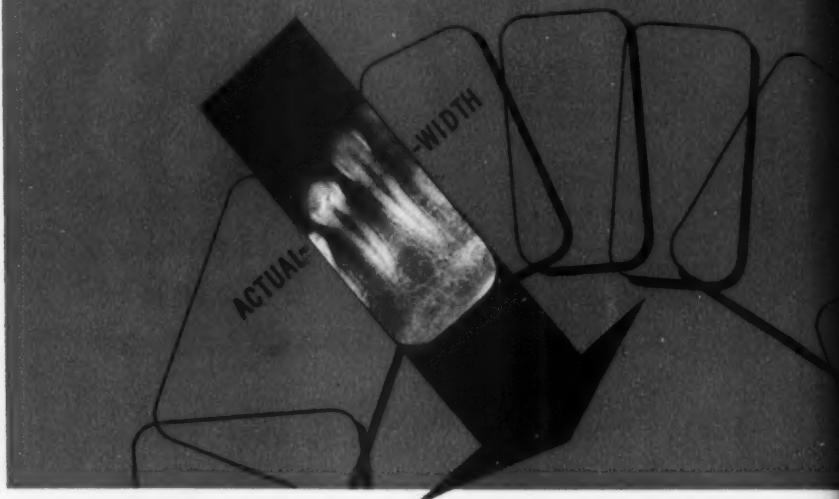
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